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Applicant:	Tobias Krimmer	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
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Title:	GENERATING A 2D VIEW OF A 3D MODEL		

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

The enclosed document is not in the English language. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), Applicant submits the following concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood. Fig. 5 of the prior art article shows a 3D representation of a model comprising a ball bearing and a screw connection. A 2D sectional drawing (labeled "Schnitt A-A") is also shown, wherein the screw connection and the ball bearing are depicted according to the usual drawing standards. In particular, the screw and the balls of the ball bearing are shown in a non-sectioned view.

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The method used in the prior art to generate the drawing shown in Fig. 5 is described in the middle text column below Fig. 5. A portion of which can be translated as follows:

> Furthermore, parts with integrated assembly logic, e.g., for screw connections, may also be stored and managed in the 3D pool. Logical links may also be implemented for generating drawings such that, for exmaple, ball bearings will be shown sectioned automatically in a correct way, whereas screws will be shown in a non-sectioned way (Fig. 5). Similar automatic methods may be used to suppress or cut out certain features in the 2D sectional representation.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art". Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

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		"CAD für den Maschinenbau: Mit den BCT-Assistenten auf dem richtigen Weg" in the journal "CAD-CAM Report," No. 9, 1998, pages 30-36

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